

Ouargli language

Ouargli, or **Teggargrent** (also *Twargrit*, *Təggəngusit*), is a Zenati Berber language. It is spoken in the oases of Ouargla (*Wargrən*) and N'Goussa (*Ingusa*) in Algeria.

As of 1987, Ouargli had no more than 10,000 speakers.^[3] Ethnologue estimated only 5,000 speakers as of 1995.^[4]


There are some differences between the dialects of Ouargla (*Təggagrənt*) and N'Goussa (*Təggəngusit*), notably in the position of pronominal clitics; within Ouargla, there are minor differences between the three tribes At-Brahim, At-Sisin and At-Waggin.^[5]

Speakers from Ouargla regard the varieties of Ouargla, N'Goussa, Tugurt/Temacine and Tumzabt/Mozabite, and possibly other Zenati varieties, as dialects of a single language they call *Twargrit*.^[6] According to Delheure (1987:355), *at Wargrən fəhhəmən d awəḥdi tawsint*, "the Ouarglis understand Temacine very well."

The principal grammatical study is Biarnay (1908);^[7] a less detailed sketch is provided in Basset (1893).^[8] Its lexicon is fairly extensively documented in Delheure's (1987) dictionary.^[9] The bilingual texts in Biarnay and Basset are more recently supplemented by the texts on daily life in Delheure (1988)^[10] and the folk tale collection in Delheure (1989);^[11] the latter, unlike other work on Ouargli, includes texts from N'Goussa as well.

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Ouargli	
<i>Twargrit</i>	
Native to	Algeria
Region	Ouargla, N'Goussa
Native speakers	20,000 (2014) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Berber<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Zenati<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mzab–Wargla<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ouargli
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	oua
Glottolog	taga1278 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/taga1278) ^[2]
	
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